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Teenagers Attacked by Rat Packs Here

Roving "rat packs" accosted six teenagers here over the week end, beating a 14-year-old boy so badly that he lost the use of his legs and is under observation at Harbor General Hospital.

Struck repeatedly with fists and feet was little Eddie Avalos of 1760 Iris street, who may have suffered a serious back injury. Eddie and his brother, Tony, 15, were beset by four older boys near the Avalos home last night. The juvenile thugs leaped at them from a car and then roared away after mauling the pair.

A motorized gang, possibly including some of those who beset the Avalos youngsters, accosted four teen-aged boys and girls late Saturday, police reported.

Forced to halt their auto near 2309 W. Carson street when the hoodlums' car crowded them to the side of the road were William Kaehn, 17, of 3710 Ardath street; Harvey Rushfield, 15, of 1630 Acacia street; Jackie Johnson, 16, of 1728 Martina street; and Sandy Gulbranson, 17.

The assailants jabbed at the boys with knives, cutting the Kaehn lad's shirt before the victims could elude them.

Well Known Local Man is Suicide Victim

Leaving a wife and two daughters, John Robert "Ted" Jordan, 44, Columbia Steel shearman for the past 16 years, allegedly took his own life some time during last Thursday night, March 29. Ill health was said to be an attributing factor toward the suicide.

Jordan was discovered in his hotel room Friday morning at 11:12 a. m. by a hotel employee, Mrs. Lucy Lindsay, with a five-shot hammerless short revolver in his right hand and a bullet from the gun lodged behind his right ear. Clad in his pajamas, the victim was lying on his left side in his bed.

Showing that he had been contemplating suicide was a note dated March 28, 1951. "All I have is to go to Madeline C. Jordan, Von M. Bergen.

Jordan was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 4, 1906. He also attended the University of Notre Dame. Until a few months ago, Jordan had resided at 1318 Elm street, Torrance.

His survivors are his widow, Madeline Jordan of Phoenix, Arizona, and daughters Madeline and Dorothy of the Arizona address; mother-in-law, Mrs. Madeline Campbell, Phoenix, Arizona; brothers, Richard J. Jordan, Coconut Grove, Florida; Louis B. Jordan, Indianapolis; Clarence T. Jordan, Indianapolis; sisters, Mrs. Sarah Jordan, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Margaret Ellwood, Alabama.

Jordan's funeral was held 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Stone and Myers Chapel in Torrance. Services were conducted by Rev. Arthur E. Bello, of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Torrance with private cremation following at the Inglewood Park Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Don Hyde, Don Sweetser, Harry Jacobs, Gil Derouin, and

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Chemical Plant Slated to Open Here Soon

The John Wiley Jones Company West Coast Sales organization, chemical specialists, will open its West Coast sales organization and factory in Torrance in a few weeks, announced John W. Jones, Sr., in charge of establishing the local plant. Jones announced that the household bleach-producing plant will eventually employ a total of about 100 persons, seven or eight of which will be office personnel.

The plant will produce household bleach, marketed under the trade name of Sunny Sol, a disinfectant for dairy use and a water purificant. The company also supplies the Army and Navy with chlorine compound. In business for the past 25 years, the company has branch offices at Jacksonville, Florida and at Indianapolis, Indiana. The home office is located at Caledonia, N.Y. "Please point out that there is nothing hazardous or obnoxious about our operation in Torrance," Jones said. He pointed out that the plant here would be more of a bottling plant than anything. "We compound our products in the east," he said. Marketing of the Sunny Sol products here in the near future will mark the first time the product has been on sale on the West Coast, Jones said, although the company has been in business for 25 years.

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